

South Dakota

PRICES RECEIVED

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LIVESTOCK PRICES UP FROM LAST MONTH

**SIoux FALLS, August 31, 1999** -- Preliminary livestock prices increased from last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. Preliminary August wheat prices also increased this month, while all other crop prices decreased.

The preliminary all wheat price for August, at \$2.49, was up 7 cents from last month but down 19 cents from last year. The winter wheat price, at \$2.27, was up 12 cents from last month and up 8 cents from last August. The spring wheat price, at \$2.72 remained steady from last month but was down 12 cents from last year. The August soybean price, at \$3.97, was down 26 cents from last month and down 71 cents from last year. The corn price, at \$1.47, was down 14 cents from last month and 9 cents from last year. The preliminary sunflower price, at \$6.62, was down 97 cents from last month and down \$8.38 from last year.

The all hay price for August, at \$43.00 per ton, was up \$6.00 from July, but down \$14.00 from last year. The alfalfa price, at \$48.00 per ton, was up \$8.00 from last month but down \$12.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$32.00, was up\$2.00 from last month, but down \$3.00 from last year.

The preliminary August all beef cattle price, at \$69.70, was up \$1.50 from last month and up \$13.90 from last year. Steers and heifers, at \$79.40, were up \$1.80 from July and were \$20.10 above August last year. Calves, at \$93.00, remained steady from last month.

The preliminary August all hog price, at \$35.80, was up \$3.80 from last month and up 80 cents from last year.

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COMMODITY	UNIT	August 1998 1/	July 1999 1/	August 1999 2/
----- DOLLARS -----				
Corn	Bu.	1.56	1.61	1.47
Soybeans	Bu.	4.68	4.23	3.97
Sunflowers	Cwt.	15.00	7.59	6.62
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.68	2.42	2.49
Winter	Bu.	2.19	2.15	2.27
Other Spring	Bu.	2.84	2.72	2.72
Durum	Bu.	5/	5/	2.93
Barley, All	Bu.	1.73	2.11	1.95
Feed	Bu.	1.42	1.53	1.25
Malt	Bu.	5/	5/	2.05
Oats	Bu.	.90	1.02	1.00
Flaxseed	Bu.	5/	5/	5/
Cattle, All Beef 3/	Cwt.	55.80	68.20	69.70
Cows	Cwt.	37.60	40.10	40.70
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	59.30	77.60	79.40
Calves 4/	Cwt.	83.10	93.00	93.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	35.00	32.00	35.80
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	37.00	33.60	37.30
Sows	Cwt.	22.80	23.20	27.30
Lambs	Cwt.	78.30	80.40	86.80
Sheep	Cwt.	26.60	36.60	37.50
Hay, All	Ton	57.00	37.00	43.00
Alfalfa	Ton	60.00	40.00	48.00
Other	Ton	35.00	30.00	32.00

1/ Entire month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Over 500 lbs. 4/ Under 500 lbs. 5/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual buyers.

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